

CONGRESS OF FUTURE MEDICAL LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lance Tanner, who was chosen by the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists. These students are nominated by their teachers or the Academy based on their leadership ability, academic achievement, and dedication. This program is designed to inspire young people to go into medical research fields or be physicians, and provides a path, plan, and mentoring resources to help them reach their goal. During the Congress, the students will have the chance to learn from leaders in the medical field as well as government officials, top medical school deans, leaders from the private sector, and even Nobel laureates.

This student's acceptance to this prestigious program is an incredible feat, and it is my honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding accomplishment of this future leader. Our nation greatly benefits from the achievements of physicians and medical scientists, and it is important that we continue to inspire younger generations to pursue careers in the medical field.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to Lance Tanner.

H.R. 4079, THE RESTORE ACT OF 2017

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment that the House failed to consider H.R. 4079, the RESTORE Act of 2017, both this and last week. Further, Republican Leadership refused to allow debate or a vote on my bipartisan amendment to attach the legislation to H.R. 6, the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act.

Two years ago, the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015 passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate and was signed into law. Members were led to believe that the measure was non-controversial and would help patients secure pain medications.

Instead, a joint investigation by "60 Minutes" and the Washington Post appears to confirm that the legislation has limited the DEA's ability to suspend a pharmaceutical distributor's license and shipments if they pose an imminent danger to public health and safety.

The RESTORE Act of 2017 would fully repeal the Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2015 and restore the DEA's authority to carry out needed enforcement actions to combat the opioid epidemic.

Although many of the bills recently passed by the House were bipartisan and took incremental steps toward addressing substance abuse, they did not equip the DEA with the authority that it needs to keep our communities safe and healthy.

I urge Republican Leadership to reconsider this issue and allow the Restore Act of 2017 to be brought to the floor as soon as possible.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY AND COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND GOVERNMENT REFORM JOINT HEARING ON OVERSIGHT OF THE FBI AND DOJ ACTIONS IN ADVANCE OF THE 2016 ELECTION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the implications of the Committee on the Judiciary and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Joint Hearing on the FBI and DOJ Actions in Advance of the 2016 Election.

The Report of the Department of Justice's Inspector General regarding these actions does not vindicate the President or conclude that the Trump Campaign did not collude with Russians to influence the outcome of the 2016 election.

Nothing in this report changes the fact on March 31, 2016, Mr. Trump met with George Papadopoulos at Trump Tower.

This is significant because as we speak, Paul Manafort, the chairman of the Trump Campaign, sits in jail as an indicted money launderer, and an unregistered agent of a foreign government.

Donald Trump is the first sitting president in history whose campaign chairman spent his time behind bars during his own presidential administration.

But Manafort is not the only member of the Trump Campaign staff indicted or to have pleaded guilty to felonies arising out of the Russia investigation.

He is joined by Michael Flynn, former National Security Advisor; Rick Gates, Deputy Campaign Chairman; and George Papadopoulos.

Now that we have discussed what is not present in this report, we can turn to what is included.

This report is clearly the product of attention to detail as well as a commitment to sharing with the American people information about the FBI's investigation into Secretary Hillary Clinton's emails in the days, weeks and months leading to the 2016 election.

I have spent the last few days studying this report which is comprehensive and answers a lot of questions that the American people have about the election.

I would like to acknowledge that I take a back seat to no one when it comes to standing up for law enforcement—they do a difficult job under difficult circumstances.

But I cannot help but notice some glaring things about this report.

The report concludes that while political bias was apparent in the atmosphere leading up to the 2016 election, political bias was not influential in individual decisions which were made.

There exist some operative dates and facts relevant to this inquiry that might cause some Americans to question that conclusion.

First, the announcement by the Inspector General's office that it would be conducting its investigation occurred on January 12, 2017, one week after then-President-elect Trump was briefed by the Intelligence Community about the existence of the FBI's counterintelligence investigation into Russian attempts to meddle into the 2016 election.

Many Americans will find this timing very troubling.

Second, in Chapter 7 of the report, the Inspector General cites all the reasons for concluding that Secretary Clinton did not break the law or have any basis to conclude that she broke the law for her use of a private server.

So it was the Inspector General office's finding that while it did not make any pronouncement on whether the decision was correct, it did say that the decision not to take any action was reasonable, and grounded in the law, facts and applicable DOJ precedent.

Moreover, the decision to on one hand decline prosecution, but on the other to editorialize Secretary Clinton's behavior as extremely careless, appears to be a political decision and one that had the foreseeable effect of harming Hillary Clinton and helping Donald Trump.

The month-long delay between the discovery of additional emails, in late September 2016, and the public announcement of this fact, on October 28, 2016, had the foreseeable effect of harming Secretary Clinton and helping Trump.

Secretary Clinton's campaign was not the subject of a federal counterintelligence investigation by our nation's law enforcement.

But the same is not true with respect to the Trump Campaign, which was under investigation for colluding with a hostile foreign power to influence the outcome of the 2016 election.

So, millions of Americans are left with painful realization that there was actually a pretty persistent double standard in favor of Trump and prejudicial to Clinton.

Under these circumstances, it is reasonable for Americans to conclude that Secretary Clinton was the victim of a double standard.

When the IG's Report was released, the president indicated that this report was a total vindication of him and his campaign in the election.

In fact, nothing in this report exonerates the Trump Campaign of colluding with the Russians.

This is because the IG office did not investigate any aspect of the Russian government's interference in the 2016 election.

One of the concerns the Report had with leaks is both the total universe of people privy to information, and the fact that guidelines about talking to the press were often flouted.

In that section, the Report references the improper disclosure of non-public information specifically as it relates to October 2016—and we seem to have a concern that the weeks that passed between the initial discovery of emails on the Weiner laptop led to their public disclosure in part because DOJ management was concerned that the information would leak anyhow.

In fact, we have documented reports of Rudy Giuliani going on Fox News and claiming to have information about this very subject.

Both in the Executive Summary and in the body of your report, leaks from April 2016 and October 2016 are cited.

The Clinton campaign was the principal subject of these leaks and was harmed by these leaks.

We know this because the FBI did not start its counterintelligence investigation of Trump until late July 2016 and we know through this report that a major portion of the investigation was the leaks from New York through October 2016.

At the conclusion of the report, the IG's office lists a series of recommendations that it believes the FBI should follow when it comes to lessons learned from this saga.

One of them is ensuring a uniform system of ensuring that only those with the authority to speak on a topic do so.

This is the first of many steps needed to ensure the errors of this oversight of the FBI and DOJ are not repeated in the future.

TRIBUTE TO DYLAN LINCH

HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dylan Linch of Creston Community High School. Dylan was recently honored for outstanding academic achievement at the Sixteenth Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition on April 29, 2018.

This statewide program is sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, the Iowa High School Athletic Association and the Iowa Farm Bureau. Each Iowa High School was invited to select a senior with the highest academic ranking. Not only are they academically gifted, but the selected students are often the youth who are successful in extra-curricular activities and community endeavors.

Mr. Speaker, it is a profound honor to represent leaders like Dylan Linch in the United States Congress and it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud him for utilizing his talents to reach his goals. I invite my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Dylan on receiving this esteemed designation, and wishing him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

CONGRESS OF FUTURE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize two high school students who were chosen by the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists to represent the State of Colorado as Delegates at the Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders. These students are Ryan Bisgard and Colin McKee.

The Congress is an honors-only program for top students in our country who aspire to work in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) fields. These students are nominated by their teachers or the Academy based on their leadership ability, academic achievement,

and dedication. This program is designed to inspire young people to go into STEM fields and provides a path, plan, and mentoring resources to help them reach their dreams. During the Congress, the students will have the chance to learn from luminaries of the STEM field including top scientific university deans, leaders from government and the private sector, and even Nobel laureates.

These students' acceptance to this prestigious program is an incredible feat, and it is my honor to rise today and recognize the outstanding accomplishment of these future leaders. Our nation greatly benefits from the achievements of scientists and technologists, and it is important that we continue to inspire younger generations to pursue careers in the STEM fields.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District of Colorado, I extend my congratulations and best wishes to Ryan Bisgard and Colin McKee.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. AL GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, I missed votes. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: on H.R. 5687—SOUND Disposal and Packaging Act, I would have voted "YES" on this bill; on H.R. 5676—SENIOR Communities Protection Act of 2018, I would have voted "YES" on this journal vote.

HONORING ED BOUTONNET

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ed Boutonnet for receiving the Grower Shipper Association's esteemed E.E. Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture. Mr. Boutonnet's hard work and dedication to crop science, agricultural leadership, education, shipping, and growing has had an immeasurable impact on California's agricultural community and economy.

Mr. Boutonnet's education is extensive, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Crop Science from California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo and a Master of Science in Vegetable Crops and Soil Science from Cornell University. He was also a Kellogg Fellow in the California Agricultural Leadership Program of the Agricultural Education Foundation for which he was presented the Award of Excellence for generosity and commitment to the program.

Mr. Boutonnet's extensive work in agriculture earned him a reputation as a pillar of the Central Coast agricultural industry. He joined Ocean Mist Farms of Castroville, California in 1970 where he served as president and CEO from 1990 to 2015. During his tenure, Mr. Boutonnet transformed the company from a local artichoke, broccoli, and brussels sprout farm to one of the top growers and dis-

tributors in North America. As the Member of Congress representing the "Salad Bowl of the World," I realize the great importance of Mr. Boutonnet's work. I am honored to recognize his many achievements that continue to advance and shape the agricultural industry.

Besides his service as the CEO of Ocean Mist Farms, Mr. Boutonnet has served as a board member for a number of different local agricultural and environmental organizations, including the Monterey County Agricultural and Historical Land Conservancy, Inc., the California Artichoke Advisory Board, and the Grower Shipper Association of Central California. In addition, he is currently on the board of the Cal Poly College of Agriculture's Dean Advisory Council and the Elkhorn Slough Foundation.

Mr. Boutonnet's long list of accomplishments and service to the agricultural community are proof that he is a deserving recipient of the E.E. Harden Award. Since the 1960's, he has devoted his life and career to developing the agricultural industry on the central coast of California and expanding its reach across North America. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize Mr. Boutonnet's exemplary work in the agricultural sector, and I ask my distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating him on receiving the E.E. Harden Award for Lifetime Achievement in Central Coast Agriculture.

RECOGNIZING THE 2018 ELKS LODGE NO. 2355 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS CEREMONY

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 21, 2018

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 2018 installation of officers ceremony for Elks Lodge No. 2355 located in Woodbridge, Virginia.

The Elks have a long history of public service in our nation. Since the founding of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in 1868, it has maintained an active membership of more than one million members nationally, and has provided more than \$3 billion in goods and services to our nation's youth, our veterans, and the disadvantaged. In accordance with the Elks' founding tenets of charity, justice, brotherly love and fidelity, Elks Lodge No. 2355 has proven to be an indispensable asset to our community for its lasting commitment to serving others in times of need.

It is my honor to include in the RECORD the following names of the 2018 officers and committee chairmen of Elks Lodge No. 2355:

Exalted Ruler—Lillian Garland
Leading Knight—Robert Kane
Loyal Knight—Stephanie Dabbe
Lecturing Knight—Sherri Stramel
Treasurer—Robert Geipel
Secretary—Kenneth Catterton
Tiler—Susan Mc Daniel
Inner Guard—Mike Soler
Esquire—Mike Haman
Chaplain—Nancy Waltz Brown
4 Year Trustee—Zulma Santos
3 Year Trustee—Carl Dabbe
2 Year Trustee—Claude Mcain
1 Year Trustee—Frances M. Frank

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Elks Lodge No. 2355 and the